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Telegraphic News.

From the Army of the Potomac.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

FALMOUTH, Dec. 1.—A gunboat arrived opposite Fredericksburg last evening. It caused visible consternation in the town. Gen. Pleasanton has been arresting smugglers and breaking up their depot in the neighborhood of Belle Plains. He has also arrested a spy, who will be tried by a military commission at once. He had changed his uniform for citizen's clothes before he came into our lines. The smugglers have removed their depot some forty miles down the river. There seems to be no movements of consequence in the front.—A grand review and inspection of General Averill's brigade took place yesterday afternoon. There is no news here of any kind.

News from Warrenton.

[Special Dispatch to the Republican.]

DECEMBER 1, 1862.—A dispatch was received this evening from Capt. S. B. Conger, stating that he had just returned from Warrenton, where he drove out a few Confederates, captured a member of the Black Horse Cavalry, nine horses, and a contraband recently from Gordonsville.

The monthly table of marine losses for the past month shows an aggregate of fifty-one vessels. Of this number seven were captured by the steamer Alabama, and burned; four sunk after collision; eight were abandoned; three are missing, and one was burned. The total value of the property lost, destroyed and missing is one million four hundred and sixty-three thousand five hundred dollars.

The U. S. Secretary of War, in his report, compliments the U. S. generals in the West, and Gen. Butler, in New Orleans.

Notwithstanding the vast expenditures of the war, the President's message declares that the public credit has been fully maintained; at the same time a plan is suggested by which the "public credit may be greatly improved." It proposes the organization of banking associations to which the U. S. government might furnish circulating notes, on the security of United States bonds deposited in the Treasury.

On Sunday evening Mr. John Leach, of the Washington Police, endeavored to quell a disturbance, and while in the performance of this duty he was stabbed in the left side, which wound proving fatal, Coroner Woodward yesterday held an inquest over the body, and the jury rendered a verdict of death at the hands of John Little, aided and abetted by Wm. Swaine and Geo. Spates. They were committed to prison.

GENERAL NEWS.

The suicide of Gen. Frank Patterson has produced a profound impression in army circles. The circumstances of his death were not known till lately, outside a limited circle of personal friends. When it became known that he shot himself under the delusion that he had been charged with cowardice by a superior officer, the sympathy for him was very strong.

The war has diminished exports the past year one hundred and thirty-four millions of dollars, compared with 1860. The exports from the South have diminished one hundred and ninety-six millions, the difference between the two sums above named being caused by an excess of Northern exports of sixty-two millions of dollars over the Northern exports of 1860.

On Tuesday night, the Easton Md. Star office was entered at a late hour at night and the cases all turned upside down and a great deal of the type scattered in various directions more than a hundred yards from the office. The inside forms, from which Tuesday's issue was printed, were also knocked into "pi." The press received some injury, but not enough, we learn, to render it irreparable. Five or six hundred dollars have since been subscribed to replenish the office with material.

Captain Benjamin Snell, of Philadelphia, the oldest sea captain of that port, who spent sixty years of his life in active service at sea, died in that city on Saturday last. He was 86 years old.

A despatch to the U. S. Navy Department from Commander Parker, United States steamer Cambridge, November 17, reports running a schooner ashore near Masonborough Inlet, that attempted to escape. The men sent to burn her were captured by a party who suddenly surrounded them. The schooner was destroyed. Several other cases of vessels being destroyed, with contraband cargoes, are mentioned.

In Arkansas the Confederates not only burned all old cotton, but are now burning the new. All north of White river is to be destroyed, and a force is now there attending to it. One man who had two hundred and fifty bales was allowed to keep fifty.

Newspaper publishing is an interesting business—about these days. The New York Times says it pays double the usual price for white paper, and adds:—A ream consisting of 480 sheets, weighs 50 pounds, and costs \$9 to \$10; and brings back at the wholesale price, a cent and a half per sheet after it has been printed, precisely \$7 20. On the cost of white paper alone, therefore, there is a clear loss of over \$4 on every thousand printed. The New York Post has raised its prices to four cents per copy and ten dollars per annum.

The steamer Hibernian passed Cape Race yesterday with foreign advices to 20th ult.—There was no news of interest beyond a report that another steamer designed for the Confederate service had sailed from Liverpool, and that still another was soon to follow.

There is every appearance that the French intend occupying Mexico for some time to come. Locomotives, carriages, and trucks had been ordered for a railroad between Vera Cruz and Orizaba, and more expected to be ready in the course of January.

An improvement in the financial condition of the Postoffice Department is reported. The deficiency has been reduced to two millions one hundred and twelve thousand and eight hundred and fourteen dollars, owing to the cessation of mail service in the Southern States.

The troops at New York belonging to General Banks's expedition are rapidly leaving in sea-going transports.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says:—"The developments in the investigations of the Quartermaster's Department are perfectly astounding. The heaviest frauds are in Baltimore."

Gen Butler has a brother in Paris who has written to the London Globe a letter, in which he defends the General against charges which the Times made against him.

Col. Colburn, late of Gen. McClellan's Staff, has been assigned to duty as Adjutant General of the Department of Missouri.

The Secretary of War recommends foraging in the Confederate States.

The number of U. S. troops, now in the field according to the report of the Secretary of War is eight hundred thousand.

J. A. Sturgis, has been captured, and sent to Washington, charged with being a Confederate spy.

Joseph Gibson Hoyt, L. L. D., Chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, died in that city on the 26th inst., of consumption.

The case of Andrew J. Houston, of Newburg, Ind., under indictment for treason, closed for the present in the U. S. Court at Indianapolis on Saturday, the jury failing to agree, eight being for conviction, and four for acquittal.

MARRIED.

At St Aloysius' Church, on the 24th inst., by Rev. Father Maguire, TRUMAN A. COOK, esq., to Miss VIRGINIA SCRIVNER, both of Washington.

DIED.

In Washington, on the 28th inst., JOHN C. ROEMMELLE, in the 69th year of his age, a native of Wittenburg, Germany, for more than 40 years a resident of Washington.

In Washington, on the morning of the 28th inst., after a painful illness, ALEXANDER BRADLEY, in the 70th year of his age. He was one of the old defenders of Baltimore, and fought in the battle of North Point.

In Washington, on the morning of the 29th inst., Mrs. SUSANNA, widow of the late Dr. Alexander C. Draper, after a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian meekness and resignation.

On the 25th inst., PRISCILLA P. FREELAND (wife of S. H. Freeland, of Prince George's county, Md., and oldest child of Archibald O. and Priscilla J. Douglas, of Washington.

In Montgomery county, Md., on the 21st ult., at the residence of her son-in-law, Hillary Ball, Mrs. SUSAN HURDLE, in the 92d year of her age.